

URGENT APPEAL for 2 pint size elephants!

Tiny Tots needs plastic milk bottles with their lids to make elephants on 19th Sept. Please save yours this week and bring to church next Sunday, or give to one of the Tiny Tots team or Cathy (525130). Thanks.

I have conducted a review of the envelope giving within the Dorcan Church.

Recently several sets of envelopes were returned to me as, for various reasons, they were no longer required. The issue of envelopes coincides with the tax Year but we place our order for envelopes in late November of the previous year. We now have 56 sets of envelopes being issued. The Church Finance Supplies require orders of 50 sets or 100 sets so our present uptake leaves 44 boxes to waste, a total of 2,288 envelopes! When the next order comes around I will contact the company to see whether we could have say 60 boxes rather than 100 but an alternative would be for six users of the envelope system of giving to convert to a standing order. Forms for this are available from our treasurer, Barbara D, on 533121.

I am informed that some church members have envelopes in addition to running a standing order. Perhaps those people could use the pink "Gift Aid" envelopes available at our church centres, or just put any occasional additional offering in a separate envelope.

Obviously I am not in any way discouraging giving, but it would save the church money to have 50 sets of envelopes instead of 100 and it does seem to be an awful waste to throw away 44 boxes. *Brian*, Envelope Secretary

Hats for shoe boxes

Once again we have been given knitted hats and some mittens to put in the Samaritan's Purse shoe boxes. Please help yourselves.

STRATTON GREEN BAPTIST CHURCH (Swindon Road, SN3 4PT)

invites you to

Come and hear

Matthew Elwick Christians for Israel, Wiltshire Branch
on Sunday 23rd September at 10.30am.

ALSO - **Come and Pray**—Thursdays 11.00am—12.00noon.

Pray for the on-going problems in our society. *Tel: Hilary 324425*

'Love and Marriage' on TV

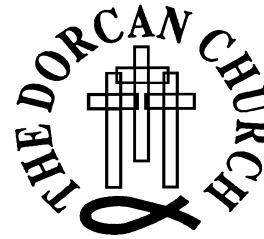
You might like to watch a new series on BBC4 celebrating moving and uplifting stories of marriages into the 21st century. The series begins at 9pm on Tuesday 18th Sept.

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to

Anna Newman by Thursday 20th September

Tel: 695698 or Email: anagram673@hotmail.co.uk

(please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email)



St. Paul's, Covingham

St. Timothy's, Liden

Eldene Church

www.dorcanchurch.org.uk

16th Sept, 2012

Staff Team:	Rev. Tony Knapp	Tel: 525130
	Rev. Beth Brown	Tel: 826444
	Rev. Andrew Wigley	Tel: 523810

*Tony & Beth both have Fridays off - Andrew has Tuesdays and Saturdays off.
Please avoid contacting them at these times if possible.*

SERVICES - 16th September

St. Paul's

8.45am Holy Communion Tony Knapp

10.30am Morning Worship Tony Knapp

Sunday Tots: Lucy Curtis. Sunday Club: Jo Kirkland & Helen Newman

St Tim's

10.30am Holy Communion Beth Brown

Eldene

10.30am Morning Worship Andrew Wigley

**Lectionary Readings
16th September**

Is. 50: 4-9a	James 3: 1-12
Psalms 116: 1-9	Mark 8: 27-38

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY (30th September) will soon be here once again ! Please think and pray about who you might invite to come to church with you - a friend, relative, neighbour, work colleaguePrayer/Invitation Cards available now. *Beth*

Welcome to the Dorcan Church.

If you are new, we would love to get to know you better.

Please speak to the Minister or to one of the Stewards.

SERVICES —Sunday 23rd September		
St. Paul's		
8.45am	Holy Communion	Beth Brown
10.30am	All Age Worship	Andrew Wigley
<i>Welcome : Colleen & Sandra, Teas: Colleen & Hazel</i> <i>Sunday Tots: Jo Kirkland & Niki Thompson NO Sunday Club: - All Age Worship</i>		
St. Tim's		
10.30am	Baptism	Tony Knapp
We welcome Adam Rutter for Baptism		
Eldene		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Stuart Fisher

'Food 4 Thought'

You are invited to join a Bible study group with a difference....a place where both soul and body are catered for. The group begins on Monday October 8th at 10.30am and runs for 6 weeks only.

There will be about an hour or so of Bible study, followed by a simple soup lunch.

The subject is 'Christ will come again', a course devised by David Parsons .. Nothing too difficult though, just an opportunity to discuss together, and get to know each other better over a light lunch.

I', looking forward to welcoming you to my home at 89 Ridge Nether Moor, but for catering purposes, please let me know in advance if you're thinking of coming. *Barbara W.* Tel: 538695

Elsie (Jean) Martin

Many of you will remember Jean Martin who worshipped with us at St Paul's. Jean had been in a home in Old Town for a few years. Sadly Jean has died, and Andrew will be conducting her funeral at the Crematorium at 11.15am on Friday 21st September.

NEXT WEEK

Mon. 17th Sept.	2-4pm 7.30pm	Scrabble & Dominos at St. Tim's Fellowship & Bible Study at Thorne Road, Eldene.
Tues. 18th Sept.	7.30pm	Church Council meets at St. Tim's
Wed 19th Sept.	9.30am 10.00am 1.30pm 7.30pm	Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Holy Communion at St. Tim's Tiny Tots at St. Tim's Cell Group at Tregantle Walk, Nythe
Thurs. 20th Sept.	10.00am 1.30pm 3.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion at St. Paul's Cell Group at Ravenscroft, Covingham Holy Communion at Edgehill Nursing Home, Liden Cell Group at Austen Crescent, Cell Group at Sedgebrook, Liden
Fri. 21st Sept.	7/.30pm	Harvest Barn Dance at St. Paul's
Sat. 22nd Sept	9.30am - 12.30pm	Church Consultation at St Paul's

Autumn 'Messy Church' at Dorcan

The first 'Messy Church' - HARVEST HAPPENING—is planned for Sun 14th Oct. from 4-6pm at St. Paul's. If anyone is willing to join with me in planning for this event, I would be very pleased to hear from you (826444) – *Beth*

DORCAN CHURCH CONSULTATION – 22nd September

This will be at St Paul's on Saturday morning 22nd September from 9.30am to 12.30pm. This is the beginning of the process of recruiting a new Rector to join us after Tony retires in January 2013. Douglas Holt and Melanie Griffiths will be coming from the Diocesan Vacancy Development Team to help us consider the future direction of the Dorcan Church. As we discern where God is leading us, then we will be able to decide on the requirements for a new Rector, and begin the process of advertising and recruitment.

All welcome - do please come if you possibly can, and play your part in the way ahead for our church. Melanie and Douglas are promising to bring some cake to have with our coffee or tea!

Get your dancing shoes on for a **Harvest Barn Dance**, Friday 21st Sept. St Paul's Church Hall. Sorry it's not a Saturday but X:site is on so I had to re-arrange. Tickets £5 pp or family ticket £15, this includes supper, bring your own drinks. Call me on 497169 for tickets, I will deliver a supply to each centre ready for Sunday. *Brenda F.*